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## General Comment

It is critical for our environment, our economy, and our quality of life that we restore the Chesapeake Bay to health. Years of voluntary restoration measures by the States have failed. It is time for strong action and bold leadership from the EPA. The Clean Water Act, three Bay Agreements, three court agreements, one memorandum of understanding, and one Presidential Executive Order all require development of a Bay wide TMDL. This current process is not only the right thing to do, it is legally required.

Pollution loads from growth are the one source of nitrogen and phosphorous bay-wide that is headed in the wrong direction. As the States create their Watershed Implementation Plans, the Environmental Protection Agency should give particular scrutiny to their efforts to minimize pollution from future growth and development. In addition, state WIPs MUST include reasonably assured means to achieve their promises.

I support a strong TMDL.